

## FOREMAN SAYS NO, FERNSTROM, YES

Graft Charges in City Council Hinge on the Question of Veracity.

ON THE GRILL FOUR HOURS

Long Statement in Explanation; Emphatic Denials and Considerable Sparing at Investigation.

Very close to four hours last night the special committee appointed by the city council to investigate the charges made recently by Councilman F. S. Fernstrom of graft and attempted bribery in connection with the Campbell Building company's contract for the outlet pipe, threatened the matter over, and will take another week to consider its decision.

In the face of the flat contradiction of Emil B. Koch, foreman of the Campbell Building company, Mr. Fernstrom persisted confidently that Mr. Koch had been the man who had approached him one night with a suggestion that he carry the impression of a proffered bribe. It was this instance that Mr. Fernstrom had referred to when he intimated in the council chamber that he might have got some of the money if he had wanted it.

In the case of the charge of graft Mr. Fernstrom in a long explanation in which the contract of the Campbell Building company was gone over in detail, assured the committee that what he had referred to was the charges contained in the Campbell bill for services said to have been performed between April 16 and 20, 1909, after the contract had been taken out of the hands of the contractors by the board of public works.

**MULVEY TO THE FORE.**  
The meeting was enlivened with several hits, the thrust carried in seeming good natured chaffing, between Mr. Mulvey and City Atty. Dinwiddie, and was interesting from time to time in its new definitions offered in explanation of several things.

When Chairman McKinney called the meeting to order all the members of the committee were present. Councilmen Mulvey, Moreton, Hall and Lyne, Mr. Fernstrom, A. Campbell, president of the building company, F. R. Christensen, secretary of the board of public works, and City Atty. Dinwiddie were also in attendance.

The charge of graft was taken up first and Mr. Fernstrom quickly explained: "When I used the word 'graft' I meant that the bill was not correct. It was not getting into Mr. Mulvey's question. 'What is your idea of graft?' Mr. Fernstrom answered: 'Trying to get something that you are not legally entitled to.' 'You mean getting something for nothing?' Mr. Mulvey suggested. 'Yes, that's it.'"

Mr. Fernstrom going on to the charge of attempted bribery, laid the blame for his report that he "could have got some if he had wanted," to Mr. Campbell's interruption in the proceedings. "When Mr. Campbell said something about my not getting any of the money," Mr. Fernstrom said, "I took it as an offense and snubbing. He had no right to interrupt me."

**THE BRIBERY CHARGE.**  
To Chairman McKinney's query, "Did

Mr. Campbell or anyone offer you a bribe?" Mr. Fernstrom replied: "Yes. It was some time between Nov. 16 and Dec. 7, 1908, when we were discussing the pipe every council meeting night. One night going up State street between Third and Fourth South streets, this foreman walked up with me and he was making excuses about the pipe and the work. He thought we should not be going after the company. He said something about fixing it all right for me and that he would do the right thing by me. I told him the only thing he could do was to send men down and fix the leaks. The conversation indicated to me that I could have had something if I had been open for it."

Mr. Fernstrom was unable to tell the committee the name of Mr. Campbell said it would be Mr. Koch, and after Mr. Campbell had stated his positive belief that no such conversation could ever have taken place, Mr. Koch was sent for to appear before the committee.

Mr. Fernstrom assured Mulvey that he knew of no councilman or city official getting "any of the graft," and that he had not meant that there was "any graft in the council."

**"DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD."**  
When Mr. Koch appeared before the committee and was made acquainted with the statement of Mr. Fernstrom in relation to the conversation in which the offer "to do the right thing" was made, Mr. Koch declared with some heat that such a statement was "a deliberate falsehood." Mr. Koch was emphatic in his assertion that in the whole matter he had had but two conversations with Mr. Fernstrom, one occurring in the council chamber in the presence of others, and the second on the steps of the joint building, and at which Mr. Campbell was present. At neither of these conversations had there been the slightest reference to "fixing things" and Mr. Koch denied absolutely that he had ever walked up the street with Mr. Fernstrom as the latter had stated.

Mr. Fernstrom, cross-examined Mr. Koch, attacking his credibility by raising the question of a doubtful and rather weak memory. Mr. Dinwiddie also, appearing for Mr. Fernstrom, endeavored to show that perhaps Mr. Koch's memory was a little hazy. Mr. Koch, however, was emphatic in his contradiction of Mr. Fernstrom and insisted that the conversation attributed to him had never been held.

In reference to the charge of graft, the amount involved was \$55.30. It was explained by Mr. Campbell that on April 16, when the contract was taken over by the board of public works, he had been told by the city inspector to continue men on the work of pumping. This work was continued by Mr. Campbell under such request until April 20. It was shown, however, that the board of public works in approving this bill had deducted the \$5 a day charged for a foreman, and allowed only the laborers' work. Mr. Fernstrom did not believe that the contractor should have been allowed any charge for this time.

**WAS MISTAKEN.**  
When Mulvey referred to the charge which had imputed collusion on the part of the mayor, Mr. Fernstrom repeated his former explanation of how he had been mistaken in the existence of the supplementary contract, and Mr. Dinwiddie came to his assistance with the statement:

"I knew what Mr. Fernstrom wanted to say this night, but with a look in the direction where Mulvey and Moreton were seated under the whip and spur he did not say what he wanted to. The committee will meet Tuesday night preliminary to preparing its report on the investigation to be submitted to the council."

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## GENEROUS PRIZES FOR FARM AND GARDEN

Agricultural Dept. at Fair This Year Should Make Best Display in State's History.

William C. Winder, supervisor of the agricultural department of the state fair, has been assured of a large and most varied display of garden and farm products at the state fair this year for the attractive premiums offered by the fair association in this department. Letters have been received by the secretary asking that space be reserved in Agricultural hall and conveying the information "I shall have the greatest exhibit yet. The following list of premiums will no doubt create keen competition in this department:

**PRIZES FOR GRAINS AND SEEDS.**  
Best bushel fall wheat, first prize \$4, second \$2; best bushel spring wheat, first prize \$4, second \$2; best bushel two-rowed barley, first prize \$3, second \$1.50; best bushel club-head barley, first prize \$2, second \$1.50; best bushel oats, first prize \$2, second \$1.50; best bushel rye, first prize \$2, second \$1; best bushel yellow corn, first prize \$2, second \$1; best bushel white corn, first prize \$2, second \$1; best half bushel sweet corn, first prize \$2, second \$1; best half bushel pop corn, first prize \$2, second \$1; finest quality and greatest variety of grain and grass in sheaves, first prize \$3, second \$2.

Premiums have been provided for flour, seeds, etc., and the premium for flour will be awarded on a test made by a competent baker appointed by the board. The flour for the test will be purchased in the open market under the direction of the board of directors. For the best 100 pounds flour, high patent, gold medal; for the best 100 pounds flour, straight grade, gold medal; best 50 pounds Graham flour, diploma; best 25 pounds corn meal, diploma; best 25 pounds oatmeal, diploma; best 25 pounds clover seed, first prize, diploma and \$3, second \$2; best 25 pounds timothy seed, first prize, diploma and \$3, second \$2; best 25 pounds lucern or alfalfa seed, first prize, diploma and \$3, second \$2; best 25 pounds dried sweet corn for table use, first prize \$4, second \$2; best display and variety Utah grown seeds, first prize, \$10; second, \$5; best exhibit molasses, first prize, \$4; second, \$2; best 25 pounds onion seed, first prize, \$5, second \$2; best cotton plant, first prize, \$2, second \$1.

### ALL KINDS OF VEGETABLES.

Premiums have been provided for every known vegetable grown in the state, viz.: Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, red beets, long beets, round beets, mangle wurzel beets, sugar beets, carrots, parsnips, yellow onions, red onions, white onions, pickling onions, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes, cucumbers, water-melons, citrons, cantaloupes, squash, pumpkins, vegetable marrow, summer squash, Hubbard squash, egg plant, tomatoes, asparagus, celery, green beans, string beans, hops and horse radish. Three dollars will be paid for the best bushel of potatoes, and \$1.50 for the second best. A number of varieties will be included in this class. Cash premiums not less than \$2 for first prize and \$1 for second will be paid for the best single display of the various vegetables named above; and in addition to these premiums \$5 as first prize and \$3 for second will be paid for the largest and best display of early potatoes, one-half bushel each variety, and a like amount for the largest and best display of late potatoes, one-half bushel each variety. Cabbages, too, will be featured, and premiums have been offered to cover displays of early and late varieties, each display to have at least three heads of each variety. The agriculturists may be induced to make large and varied exhibits of the products of their farms and truck gardens, sweepstakes prizes have been provided for the best exhibit of farm and garden products raised by one person, first prize, \$20, second, \$15, third, \$10.

### INDUCEMENT TO BOYS.

For the best exhibit of farm and garden products, raised by boy under 16 years of age, first prize, \$10, second, \$5. For best exhibit of farm and garden products, need not be raised by one person, first prize \$20, second \$15, third \$10.

### BEEES, HONEY AND WAX.

Best 100 pounds comb honey, first prize, \$5, second, \$3; best 100 pounds extracted honey, first prize, \$5, second, \$3; best display package honey, first prize, \$5, second, \$3; best 100 pounds neeswax, first prize, \$5, second, \$3; best exhibit high bred bees in observation hives, first prize, \$10, second, \$5; best display in this class, first prize, gold medal and \$20, second, \$15.

The rules governing exhibits in the agricultural department are as follows: Utah products only entitled to compete. Articles entered for a single premium cannot compete for a display. No exhibitor will be entitled to more than one premium for the same variety. Judges must be satisfied that all articles are worthy of a premium and correctly named before giving one.

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### GROCERS IN POLITICS.

Acting in Co.-alized Capacity. Think They May Do Good.

During the course of a lively meeting Wednesday night of the Retail Merchants' association, held in the Atlas black quarters, one of the principal speakers advocated the idea of the association launching into politics this fall, in order to be in a position to secure certain rights that they felt were due the members. The matter will be gone into more thoroughly at later meetings.

Discussing the recent action at Springfield, Ill., said resolutions were passed favoring the repeal of the tax on oleomargarine. The grocers maintain that if this tax were repealed it would result, to a great extent, the high-price problem of at least one article of food, that of butter. With the 10-cent tax taken off, they claim that the people would have a good substitute for butter, and with cheap oleomargarine on the market there would be a tendency to lower the price of butter.

The convention also passed resolutions favoring the placing of net weight or count marks on original packages, with the idea of protecting the purchaser, who, in most cases, did not know whether or not he was buying eight ounces or a full pound.

### CARLOAD OF CAPITALISTS.

Party Recently Inspecting Idaho Orchard Tracts Visit Here.

The 24 western capitalists who have been looking over southern Idaho, arrived in this city later Wednesday than was intended on account of a misunderstanding which delayed their private car. They left in the evening for

**COLDS AFFECT THE KIDNEYS.**

**PE-RU-NA FOR KIDNEY TROUBLE (CATARRH OF KIDNEYS)**

Chicago. The party left Chicago May 17, going direct to Boise, from there to Weiser and Council. Some \$90,000 in sales of Council men orchard tracts were made to the visitors, and \$10,000 in options closed. They were induced to make the trip by the Weiser Valley Land & Water company, and the following is the personnel of the party:

Capt. Percy W. Thompson of Chicago; Edward H. Hunter of Des Moines, Ia., capitalist; L. M. Mann of Des Moines, capitalist; John Broderick of Hindsborough, Ill., farmer; William F. Bahn of Chicago, O. M. Webster of Denver, capitalist and orchardist; Thomas Donnell and wife of Mattoon, Ill., retired merchant; T. E. Alsworth of Franklin Grove, Ill., formerly field manager in Iowa for the Hylo Oil company; M. F. Manson of Crawfordville, Ind., capitalist; L. D. Carter of Oakland, Ill., capitalist; L. G. Hannold of Kansas, Ill., agriculturist; E. G. Hull of Franklin Grove, Ill., agriculturist; Carlos Wheatley of Charleston, Ill., retired farmer; A. J. Craig of Charleston, Ill., retired farmer and capitalist; L. J. Kaiser of Newman, Ill., mayor and grain merchant; R. R. Raffenberger of Dixon, Ill., real estate and insurance; J. W. Reeds of Oakland, Ill., banker; R. P. Cross of the Chicago Tribune; J. R. Field of Boise, state horticultural inspector; J. R. Good of Boise, attorney and ranch owner; Silas Wilson of Nampa, Ida., an authority on horticulture and pomology.

The party spent their short stay in Salt Lake in hurrying over the city to see such sights as they could, and expressed themselves on leaving as delighted with their stay here. They would have been glad to remain much longer.

Saltair welcomes you Saturday May 28th. 30 trains.

### STRENUOUS AUTO TRIP.

A Run to Vernal and Return Through The Mountains.

A party consisting of Elders Heber J. Grant, Hyrum M. Smith, George J. Cannon and Chaffee Rector returned Wednesday from a very strenuous trip by automobile, to Vernal and back. They went via Heber City and Theodore and attended meetings Saturday and Sunday in Vernal. In their "Premier" car, they made a distance of 420 miles without a puncture, but they had some very strenuous experiences, in hill climbing and in being drawn out of mud holes by four-horse teams which they would not readily repeat; they were out all of one night, contending with muddy roads and chuck holes, and say that all in all the trip is not one that ought to be taken by automobile till the roads and bridges are repaired. They telephoned ahead before starting out asking as to the condition of the roads, and were misinformed; otherwise they would have made the trip by way of Price.

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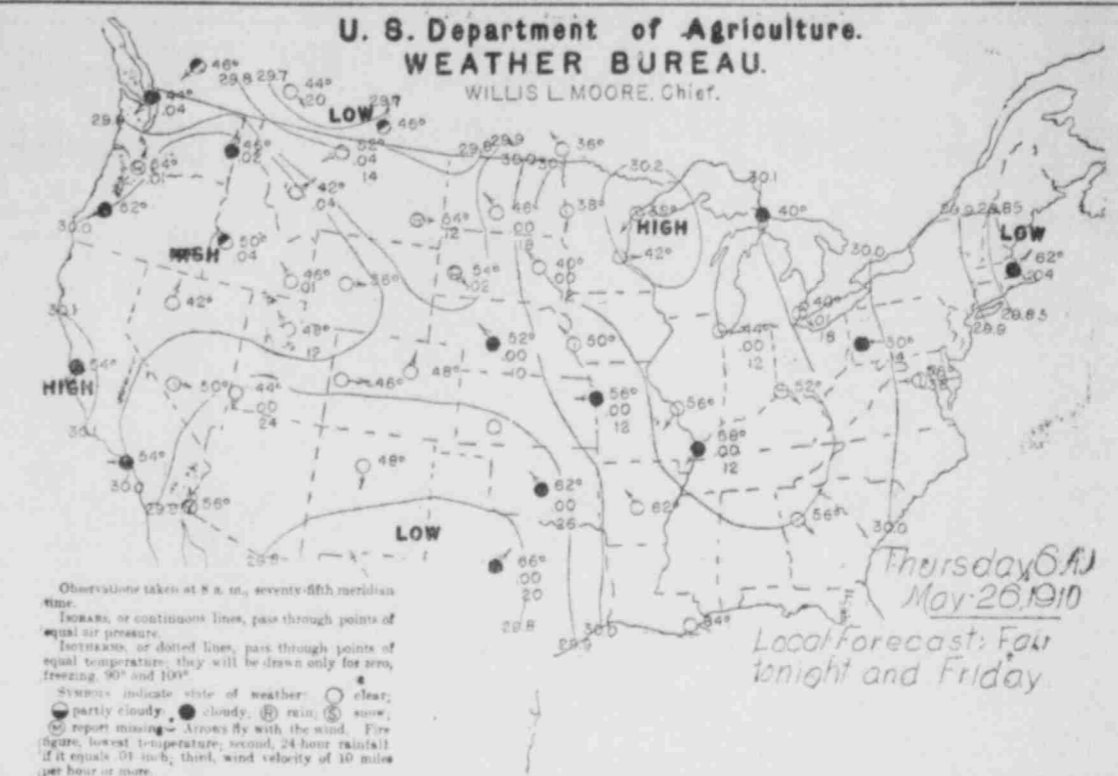
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## Today's Weather Chart for United States



For Salt Lake City: Fair tonight and Friday.

For Utah: Tonight, fair, cooler south-west; Friday, fair.

### WEATHER SUMMARY.

Some rain fell in the north Atlantic states due to the moving of a low pressure area over that region. This low was followed by an area of high pressure which the above map shows as central over Minnesota, but extending southward considerably and influencing the weather in the Mississippi valley where it is fair. Areas of low pressure lie central north of Montana and over western Texas. The northern low has caused precipitation generally in the northwest with somewhat higher temperatures. An area of high pressure lies off the Pacific coast. This high has caused cooler weather in the Great Basin.

The indications are for fair weather in this vicinity tonight and Friday.

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